

# TOP 8 REASONS

## PEOPLE ARE DENIED SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

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ACCIDENT ATTORNEYS

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### TOO MUCH INCOME

\$1,220 A MONTH OR MORE

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### DIDN'T FOLLOW MEDICAL SUGGESTIONS

If the Social Security Administration (SSA) judge doesn't believe you've done everything in your power to treat or cope with your condition, your claim will likely be denied.

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### INSUFFICIENT MEDICAL EVIDENCE

When filing for SSA, you should ideally have:

- Documents showing a history of treatments/medical visits relating to your disability
- Proof that you've tried multiple treatments to address your disability
- Proof that you have attempted to work but your disability is making it impossible to earn a living
- **Optional but preferable:** Notes from your doctor to your employer stating you are unable to go to work or require modifications to your normal schedule

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### REFUSING TO RELEASE MEDICAL RECORDS

Privacy is important, but if you need SSD benefits, you will need to give the SSA access to your records so they can verify your condition and treatments. They may also require you be seen by one of their physicians for confirmation.

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### YOUR DISABILITY IS TEMPORARY

In order to qualify for SSD, your condition must prevent you from working for at least one year.

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### YOUR DISABILITY IS RELATED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Drug or alcohol addiction are not SSA accepted disability conditions. If substance abuse led to serious, long-term conditions that prevent you from working even if you quit using drugs or alcohol, you may be eligible.

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### YOU ARE IN PRISON

You can qualify and earn SSD benefits once released, but people who are incarcerated are not eligible, nor are people whose disability was the result of their own criminal activities.

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### YOU TRY REFILING

If your first claim was denied, you should not attempt to refile, as that request will also be denied. Instead, you should appeal the denial of your initial request. An attorney may help if you do not have one already.